

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6 and 11-14 as being unpatentable over the prior art of Fig. 1 in the specification, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,042,367 (Hopkins).

Lines 7 to 11 on page 2 of the specification explain that when thousands of people have to enter and exit through such doors (in which one door has to remain closed at all times), the known prior art arrangement does not provide a practical solution to the problem of evacuating or allowing entrance of a great number of people out of or into a protected space at minimal time.

Hopkins neither provides or suggests a solution to the problem. All Hopkins suggests is a revolving door having four (4) partitions 38 (col. 3, line 63). Anyone experienced in entering a building through a revolving door having four partitions knows that it takes a substantial amount of time to do so.

Hopkins neither teaches or suggests revolving doors, especially structured for entering or evacuating a very large number of people into a protected space within a short time period, nor does Hopkins teach a revolving door of the kind shown in Figs. 4, 5b and 6b of the present Application, in which the center of the revolving doors are not a simple shaft, but a tube of a relative, substantial diameter, so as to form an annular space divided by partitions forming, in cross-section, truncated segments of a circle, thereby reducing the volume of the compartments 32.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Claim 7 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 7. Claim 19 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 6 and allowable claim 7. Claim 20 includes the subject matter of original claims 11 and 14 and allowable claim 15 wherein claim 21 includes the subject matter of original claims 11 and 14 and allowable claim 10.

Claims 7-10, 15 and 16 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

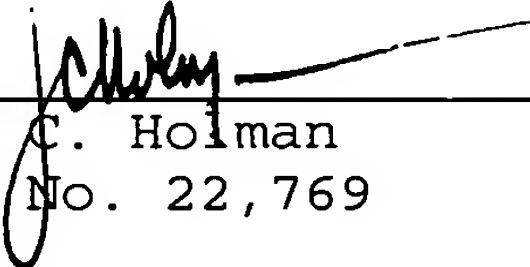
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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Fig.1.

PRIOR ART.

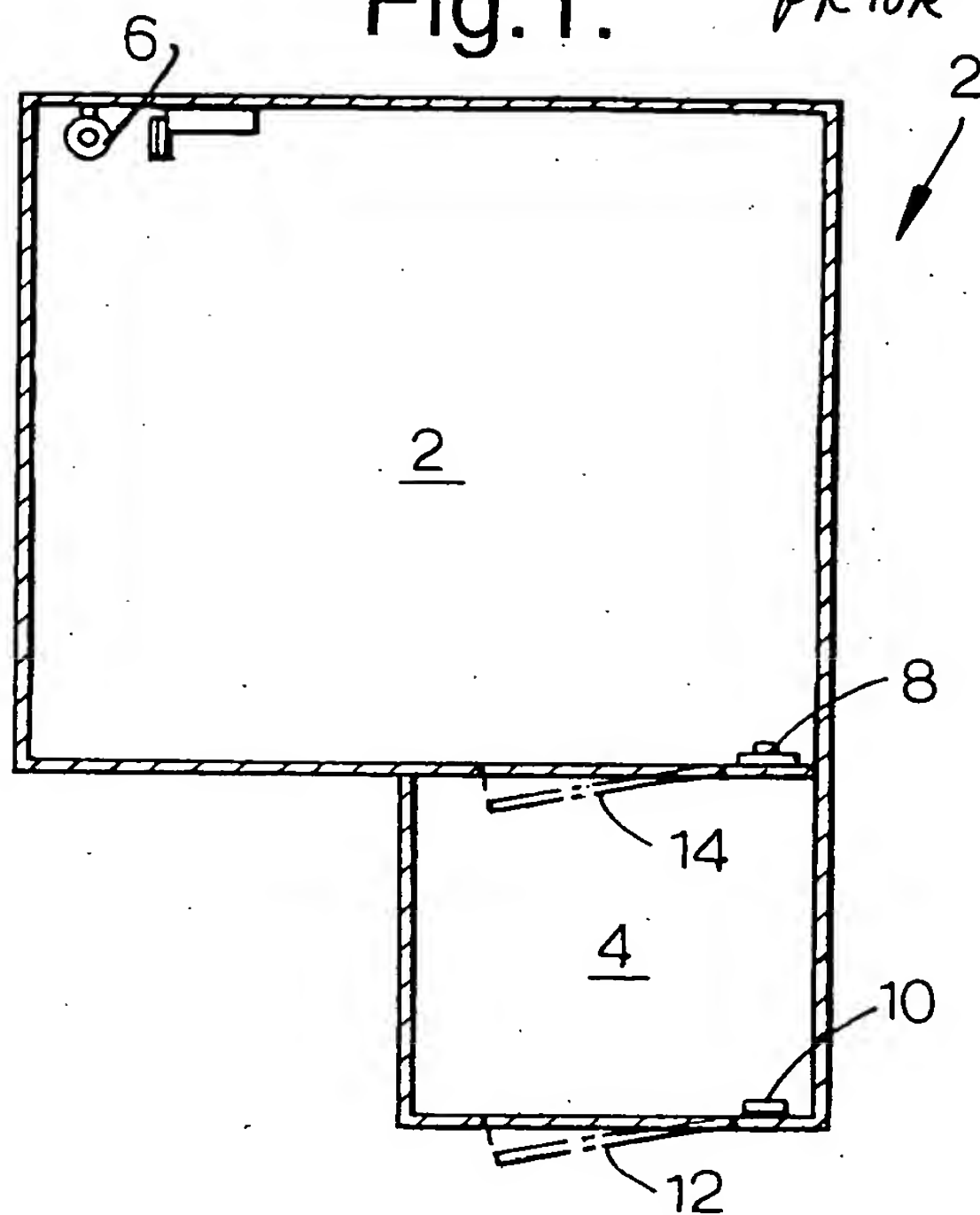
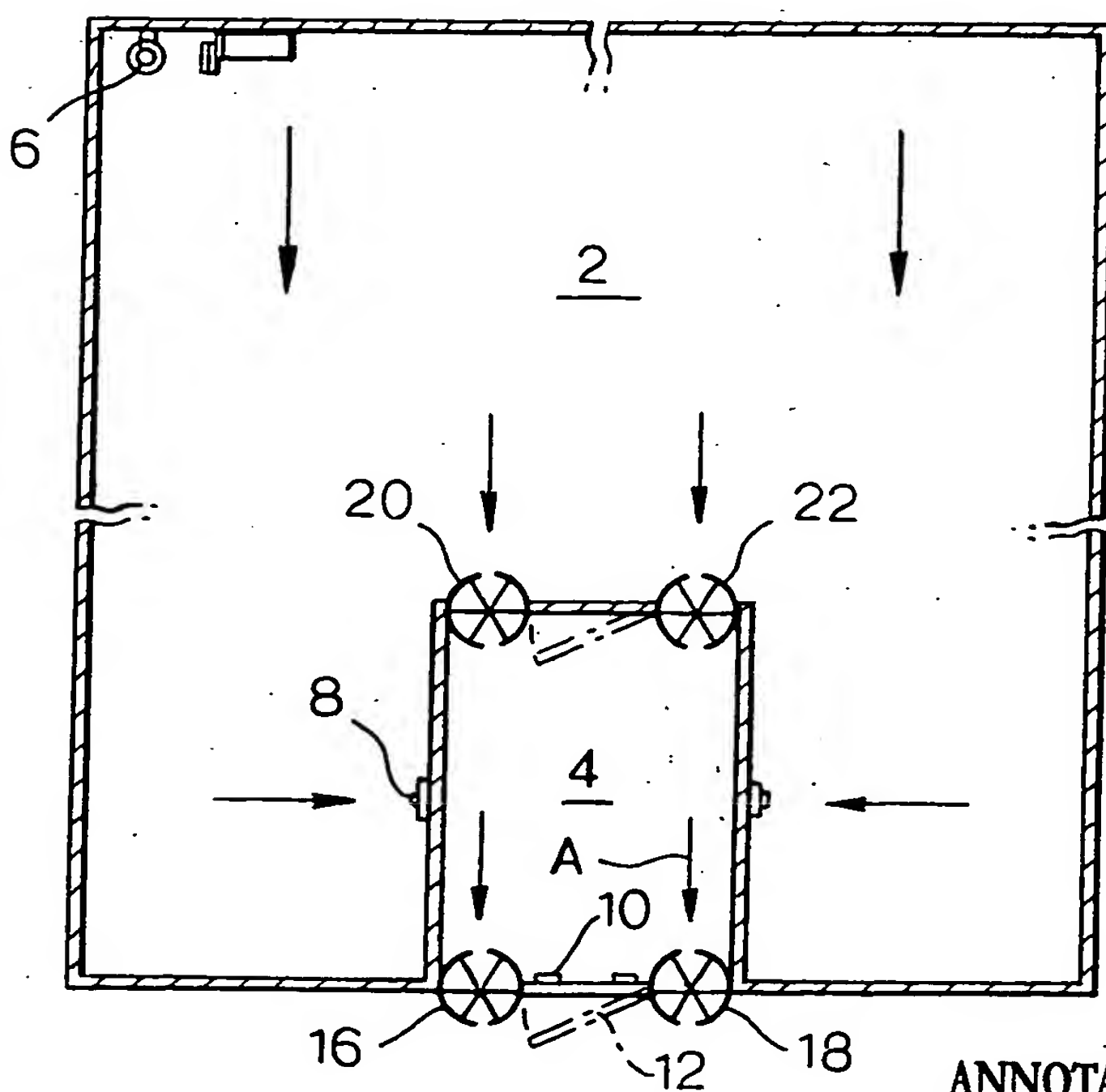


Fig.2.



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